

**State of Connecticut
Office of Emergency Management**

Host Community

Fact Sheet

The Millstone towns and their host community and reception centers are:

East Lyme, Old Lyme and Lyme – Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven
Groton City and Groton Town – Kelly Middle School, Norwich
New London and Fishers Island – Windham High School, Windham
Ledyard – UCONN Field House, Mansfield/Storrs
Montville and Waterford – East Hartford High School, East Hartford

State and local plans were developed and are in place to assure the safety for people located in areas that have been placed in an **“Evacuation”** protective action. When the Governor or a local community chief executive orders an evacuation of a given area, the public is directed to gather together some essential supplies and leave quickly, following predesignated evacuation routes. Evacuation routes are described on pages 2 and 3 of the yellow pages in those telephone directories within a 10-mile radius of Millstone Station. Evacuation information and instructions will be repeated over the local Emergency Alert System (EAS) television or radio stations.

Each of the communities within a 10-mile radius of Millstone Station has been assigned to one of six Connecticut communities designated as a Host Community. These host communities have agreed to receive and shelter individuals who have been told to evacuate their homes or the emergency area.

If people in the evacuated area have an alternate place to go, they are not *required* to go to their assigned host community, however, they are strongly urged to follow the designated evacuation routes out of the affected area. Host communities are trained and prepared to provide evacuees with considerable assistance. The host community’s reception center offers a place where evacuees can register upon arrival. This allows separated families to reunite. Although State and local officials would not order an evacuation during a radiological release, for peace of mind, trained monitors from the host community can monitor evacuees and their vehicles for radiation. The Red Cross is also available at the host community to provide evacuees with a place to stay should that be necessary, and with food, clothing and medical attention.

Remember, except for service animals (e.g. seeing eye dogs), pets cannot be brought to Red Cross Reception Centers. Individuals should make other arrangements for their pets such as staying with friends or family or a pet-friendly hotel.

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